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## EDITORIAL.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY.

The Lord Mayor of London rightly interpreted the national feeling when he proposed "that Great Britain should pause for a moment in the midst of the great struggle to turn to the past four years, and reconsecrate itself in the memory of those high traditions, to the demands of the future."

So it comes to pass that, throughout the Empire, Sunday, August 4th, will be kept as "Remembrance Day." We shall have in remembrance our fighting men, our sick and wounded, our prisoners of war, and surely our nurses, and our women's army.

The Roll of Honour of members of our profession who bravely and simply have laid down their lives in the cause of the world's freedom, is a long and growing one. We will have them in remembrance proudly and gracefully on Sunday next, and year by year as "Remembrance Day" comes round.

At the instance of the Prime Minister a solemn service of intercession will be held on Sunday morning at St. Margaret's, Westminster, the parish church of the Royal Palace of Westminster. Apart from its special intention, it will be of historical interest, as the King, accompanied by the Queen, will attend, and it will be the first occasion in English history on which the Sovereign has officially attended Divine Service at the head of His Lords and Commons.

In the afternoon there will be a service in Hyde Park, where a Floral Shrine will be erected, which it is hoped may be visited by Their Majesties. These War Shrines will be a feature of the day, and will be erected in the market places, or at the town halls in provincial towns, so that floral offerings may be made in honour of the dead. These will afterwards be collected by volunteers, and by scouts, and taken to the local

military hospitals. A short service, at which the Bishop of London will be the preacher, and a mass meeting will be held, when the following resolution will be proposed, and subsequently despatched to the Prime Minister:—

"That the citizens of London here assembled on Remembrance Day, August 4th, 1918, silently paying tribute to the Empire's sons who have fallen in the fight for freedom on the scattered battlefields of the world-war, whether on sea or shore, and mindful also of the loyalty and courage of our sailors, soldiers, airmen, and men of the Mercantile Marine every day and everywhere, and those who are working on the munitions of war and helping in other ways for the preservation of civilisation, unanimously resolve to do all that in their power lies to achieve the ideals on behalf of which so great a sacrifice has already been made."

Of those who most need our thoughts, our sympathy, and our practical help, the prisoners of war surely come first, and the suggestion of the Duke of Connaught that the collections made in the churches on Sunday next should be given in whole, or in part, to our prisoners of war in enemy hands will be widely approved.

### PANSIES FOR THOUGHTS.

The simple heartsease is by common consent the flower of remembrance. Why should we not adopt it as the flower of Remembrance Day, and wear "Pansies for Thoughts" on Sunday next, and every year when the Day comes round in honour of our heroes and heroines, living and departed?

There is no flower more appealing than the heartsease, and in its manifold variety it presents a diversity of colour and form to suit all tastes. Far and wide let us wear the emblem, and, more important still, let us cultivate and cherish the attribute of the heartsease. The world never needed those who possess it, and the power of communicating its secret to others more than at the present time.

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